

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the Paragraph at page 1, lines 1-3 with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION APPLICATIONS

This claims the benefit of United States provisional patent application identified as Application Number 60/270,803, filed February 23, 2001, and Application Number 09/494,050, filed January 28, 2000, now USPN 6,428,013, which claims the benefit of provisional Application Number 60/117,723, filed January 29, 1999.

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 27, 2005
TO: Examiner, Vishal Patel GAU ~~3679~~ ³⁶⁷³
FROM: David Bucci
Office of Petitions
SUBJECT: Application No. 10/081,130

Please indicate whether the proposed amendment filed with the petition of August 16, 2005, to **claim priority** to the prior-filed applications will be entered or whether the proposed amendment raises new issues that would require further consideration and/or search.

This information is necessary since, if the proposed amendment will not be entered, we would need to require the submission of an RCE as a condition for acceptance of the late claim for priority under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3).

PLEASE RETURN THE FILE TO THE OFFICE OF PETITIONS WITHIN ONE WEEK OF THE DATE OF THIS MEMO. THE MAIL LOCATION IS: MAIL STOP PETITIONS, MADISON WEST, ROOM 7A58. THE LOCATION CODE IS 4700.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.